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1. SECRETARY BUTZ HOSTED WORKING DINNER NOVEMBER 4 FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY MINISTER KURAISHI AND KEY MEMBERS OF JAPANESE DELEGATION TO WFC. JAPANESE REQUESTED MEETING WITH U.S. DELEGATION PRIOR TO START OF CONFERENCE.

2. DISCUSSIONS COVERED WIDE RANGE OF ITEMS ON WFC AGENDA. JAPANESE OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT U.S. MIGHT BE MAKING SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT RE INCREASING OUR FOOD AID CONTRIBUTION TO LDCS AND DID NOT WANT TO GET CAUGHT SHORT BY THEIR ALSO NOT HAVING SOMETHING TO OFFER AT CONFERENCE. JAPANESE APPARENTLY HAD IN MIND DOING MORE IN SUPPLYING FINANCIAL AID TO LDCS FOR PURCHASE OF FERTILIZERS. U.S. DELEGATION ADVISED JAPANESE THAT U.S. HAD NO PLANS TO GO BEYOND STATEMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT FORD ON FOOD AID AT SEPT MEETING UNGA.

3. MUCH DISCUSSION CENTERED ON GRAIN RESERVES ISSUE. JAPANESE REITERATED THEIR EARLIER POSITIONS THAT THEY AGREE THAT IMPORTERS SHOULD HOLD MORE STOCKS, THEY WOULD STUDY U.S. IDEAS AND THAT THEY STILL INTERESTED IN WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENT FOR STORAGE OF SOME STOCKS IN U.S. FOR THEIR ACCOUNT. JAPANESE IMPLIED THEY WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN POST WFC MEETING WITH OTHER MAJOR

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PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES TO EXPLORE RESERVES QUESTION

IN MORE DETAIL.

4. KURAISHI AGAIN ASKED SECRETARY BUTZ FOR ASSURANCE THAT JAPAN WOULD RECEIVE THE COMMODITIES IT HAD CONTRACTED IN U.S. MARKET. SECRETARY BUTZ RESPONDED THAT HE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT JAPAN WOULD NOT RECEIVE THE COMMODITIES AND REITERATED HIS AND THE AMINISTRATION'S STRONG OBJECTIVES TO EXPORT CONTROLS. SECRETARY BUTZ COMPLIMENTED THE JAPANESE ON THEIR FORESIGHT TO CONTRACT AHEAD FOR THEIR FEED GRAINS AND SOYBEANS AND TOLD THE MINISTER WE APPRECIATED THE COOPERATION WE ARE RECEIVING FROM THE JAPANESE IN SUPPLYING ESTIMATES OF THEIR IMPORT NEEDS AND THE COOPERATION WE ARE RECEIVING FROM THE JAPANESE IN KEEPING PURCHASES WITHIN THE AGREED ESTIMATES OF IMPORT NEEDS.VOLPE

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